

Brooklyn City Council
November 26, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Ron Van Kirk, Meg Ryan Shockey, Andy Celcherts, Kathy Pucci, Mary Balbier, Kevin Tanski, Barb Paulitzky.

ABSENT: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer was offered by Pastor Carl Ethridge of the Harvest Ridge Church, also a Brooklyn resident.

Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2018. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Tanski to approve. **VOTE:** *To approve:* Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. Abstain: Pucci. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

PUBLIC SESSION:

None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): The Committee met at 6:30 and discussed items to be adopted and new items: Ord. 2018-76, Amends Ch. 155 of Codified Ords. regarding the Bd. of Control (he read changes: composition is the Mayor, Service Dir. and Dir of Public Safety; purposes and duties (approve contracts with obligations over \$5,000) and changes after competitive bidding; recording of proceedings kept; quorum and agenda); Ord. 2018-77, to implement a credit card policy; Ord. 2018-81 (request passage by emergency), Establishing the Capital Reserve Fund for the City of Brooklyn (to be for payment of existing debt; financing of new debt and capital acquisitions; and capital improvements due to depreciation of assets); Ord. 2018-82 (request to pass by emergency), Determining the percentages of gross receipts from the Municipal Income Tax to be deposited into the General (84%), Capital Improvement (15%) and Capital Reserve Funds (1%). New business: Res. 2018-10, approves the application of City to Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant Program for an Exterior Home Repair Grant Program (if approved and accepted, the grant is for \$50,000 and the city would match it for a total of \$100,000 in it – to be used to assist residents to make exterior improvements to homes, sidewalks, driveways, landscaping – capped at \$3,000 – targeting homeowners and those without access to funds to make the improvements. There will be an application process, with those with greatest need looked at first); Ord. 2018-85, Approves an amendment to CRA with Cleveland American LLC Holdings and Cleveland American LLC and Medical Mutual at the estimated cost of \$23M (relating to financing at the old AG property, to give proper notification to the schools, giving legal property descriptions); Ord. 2018-86, Amended Annual Appropriations for 2018; Ord. 2018-87, Annual Appropriations for 2019 (with total General Fund expenditures of \$15,462,875); Ord. 2018-88, Authorizing the Capital Improvement Plan for 2019 (to be expended is \$4,601,310 for needs, the largest being \$2.1M for the AG property to be financed through TIF financing, and \$1.9M for various items through the city, \$22,500 from grants, and others); Ord. #2018-90, Authorizes the Updated Capital Improvement Plan for 2018 (changes to be made, the largest being the new garbage truck made available for 2018, for \$295,670 and others).

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): The Skate with Santa will be Sunday, Dec. 9th from 2:45-3:45 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Residents admitted free, skate rental and non-resident rates in effect, must show resident ID card for resident privileges.

Planning Commission (Councilman Van Kirk): The Commission will meet Dec. 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room to hear requests from: E.Hudson for two wall signs for Beam Me Up Detail Wash at 7323 Clinton; from P.Napoli for banner sign for N.O. Canes Baseball Complex for six months at 8707 Memphis.

School Board Liaison (Councilwoman Paulitzky): Reported that a video about paring young and older students in a buddy system will be shown at a later date (the sound wasn't working). –A chalk walk was recently held with positive messages around the school. –7th graders held an on-site class at Memorial park with Big Creek Connects to check PH levels in the creek. –Dr. Gleichauf reported after attending a conference the new Governor plans to promote early pre-school. He's hopeful HB 369 has a chance in lame

duck session before end of the year. The Bill (introduced by Rep. Martin Sweeney) if passed, would give fair funding to Brooklyn, taking us out of affluent suburb category. –Strategic Communications recapped the levy results, encouraged it only lost by a small margin. The Board will review results and decide when to place a new levy on the ballot. –Awards banquet was held Nov. 15th. –The 2019 School play will be Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. –Polaris renovation is going well.

Domestic Abuse Commission (Councilwoman Ryan Shockey): –There are white ribbons at the front desk for White Ribbon Day (recognized Nov. 25th, and for 16 days (Dec. 12). It symbolizes a pledge to never take part in, condone, or stay silent about domestic abuse against women. Please take and wear one through Dec. 12 to show solidarity and help raise awareness.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Meg Ryan Shockey: The Cleveland Clinic is hosting a panel on the opioid crisis at the Brooklyn Senior Center December 11th from 6-8 p.m. This is sadly very relevant in many communities, including Brooklyn. Register at www.clevelandclinic.org/triplethreat.

Andy Celcherts: Thanked Pastor Ethridge for the opening prayer. Hope all had a good Thanksgiving. –Brooklyn Community Cares and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce are providing holiday wishes. You can sign up and click on a family for details on needs (a line through means they are taken care of). To see and request a family send an e-mail to Suzy Marquis at suzy.marquis@bcshurricanes.org or call 216-485-8191 ext. 8323. Donations are to be delivered to Brooklyn School by Dec. 14th. Items are to be unwrapped in a bag labeled with the family number. More info at <https://sites.google.com/site/brooklyncommunitycares/>. –The Friends of Brooklyn Library is holding a 10 cent paperback sale from Dec. 1-31.

Kathy Pucci: Hope everyone a nice and blessed Thanksgiving. –Thanked Pastor Carl for being here and offering the opening prayer. –She attended last week's budget work session, thanked Dir. Raguz for the information provided; it was a good meeting.

Mary Balbier: Thanked Mr. Ethridge for his beautiful prayer. –Recognize a Brooklyn family for their spectacular Christmas display, the Fowler family at 8704 Memphis Villas Blvd. Their lighting ceremony is Saturday (sorry she can't make it). –Cell phone use. There is constant use, for calls, information, games, texting. Safety officers are concerned about cell phone use and other distractions while driving. Recently passed HB 95 addresses it, with added provisions for adding a fine of \$100 for distraction to any driving offense. She cited statistics relating to distracted driving, including texting/driving.

Kevin Tanski: Was told we were waiting for the election to be over for the mounds to be gone. He is still waiting for an answer because the mounds are still there. He doesn't know who can answer on this keeping on being delayed and get an answer. Comm. Kulcsar said we'd get back to him on this, because he didn't know if prior to the election had bearing on it or not. He e-mailed Dr. Gleichauf some requirements, and he said he had a contractor lined up, but neither he nor the contract has responded back. He said he will follow up with him and get back to the Councilman. Councilman Tanski said he's 100% in working with them, but just trying to get a date down in the near future, or later, so he can get back to the residents on a timely basis. Comm. Kulcsar said he would let them know that.

Barb Paulitzky: Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving; we have much to be thankful for. Cleveland is a great location (little rain, snow, cold). –Saw Christmas lighting ceremony lighting on Public Square, it was fantastic. Wishes for the old Higbee displays; sometimes the old is better than the new. –People of California are in her prayers every day. She was there in 2007 and marveled at homes on the hills, and can't imagine what it looks like today. The horror of fleeing their burning homes, the undetermined death toll; along with devastating east coast hurricanes and west coast fires, leaves our country a lot to recover from. She prays we can do that. –Thanked Pastor Ethridge for his prayers for the city and Council; they need direction from the Lord to make decisions that have to be made.

Ron Van Kirk: Thanked Dir. Raguz for his thorough budget sessions he put together. In his only three months here we're on track to pass the 2019 budget. Thanked him for his efforts and look forward to working with him the next year.

Councilwoman Pucci wanted to follow up with Dir Kulcsar relating to the mounds by Roadoan. She asked if the contractor would have to pull a permit for that work, or have we communicated with the schools what they'd have to do; or would we have some oversight or input? Dir. Kulcsar said we would have input on it, and is something that would have to be approved by our City Engineer.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Katie Gallagher: She hopes everyone had a terrific Thanksgiving. Thanked Marisa Paulitzky who runs the Jazzercise program for running an event on Thanksgiving with \$200 proceeds raised and donated to the Brooklyn Cares Adopt a Family Program. They try to do it each year, and it's one of the things that happen in the city, that we need to be reminded of good that goes on in the city every day. –Surveys were mailed out for the Master Plan Update; if you received one please fill it out. We're trying for 40% response to help make sure our statistics are accurate. We've had 274 mailed back, but we're looking for 400. So again, please fill it out. It will help the Steering Committee working on the Master Plan give some direction for the future of Brooklyn. The Steering Committee met end of October and did an exercise. We'll be posting them online. The Planning Comm. hasn't done it yet, but they did an exercise to address the needs of the city's improvements, exceptions, opportunities and strengths (she listed many examples, and asked if anyone had things to contribute to reach out to her or a Councilmember to pass onto the Steering Comm.) –She also highlighted many strengths responders noted of the city, and some exceptions. All will be posted on the website for everyone to see. It's a community project, so they are looking for feedback. –Thanked the Steering Comm. for agreeing to serve; it's a large time commitment and every person is vested in the best interest of Brooklyn going forward. –Thanked everyone for touching letters, notes and emails on the passing of her father.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Finance Dir. Raguz: As it's winding down in the budget season, it was fun and he learned a lot. He thanked City Council for their engagement and being part of the process, and adjusting their schedules as needed. He looks forward to next year.

Police Chief Mielke: Santa Claus will be visiting Brooklyn Sat., Dec. 15th and Sun., Dec. 16th starting at noon. Saturday the streets will be south of Biddulph, east of Ridge and the Brooklyn Acres. Sunday will be the streets north of Biddulph, starting at noon. If the weather is too bad they will do it the following weekend. This is courtesy of the Brooklyn Police Auxiliaries, Mr. Parker included.

LEGISLATION:

ORD. #2018-76, Amending Ch. 155 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn to bring the City's Board of Control into alignment with the Ohio Revised Code. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED: To adopt:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. #2018-77, Adopting a policy for the use of the City of Brooklyn credit cards pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 921(a). **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Tanski to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED: To adopt:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. #2018-80, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Shared Services Agreement between the City of Brooklyn and the City of Parma Heights for the position of Animal Control Officer. **(SECOND READING)**

Ord. #2018-81, Establishing the Capital Reserve Fund within the City of Brooklyn. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **To adopt:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

Ord. #2018-82, Determining the percentages of gross receipts from the Brooklyn Municipal Income Tax to be deposited into the General, Capital Improvement and Capital Reserve Funds. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Tanski to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

Ord. #2018-84, Declaring the improvement of certain real property to be a public purpose pursuant to Revised Code Section 5709.40(B); declaring such improvement to be exempt from real property taxation; designating public infrastructure improvements to be made that will directly benefit such property; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; designating a municipal public improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such service payments; authorizing compensation payments to the Brooklyn City School District and Polaris Career Center; and repealing a prior inconsistent Ordinance. **(SECOND READING)**

Res. #2018-10, Approving the application of the City of Brooklyn to the Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant Program for an Exterior Home Repair Grant Program. The Mayor requested this be passed by suspension of rules. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

Ord. #2018-85, Approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Community Reinvestment Area Tax Agreement with Cleveland American, LLC, Holdings Cleveland American, LLC and Medical Mutual of Ohio at the estimated cost of \$23M. **(FIRST READING)**

Ord. #2018-86, Amended Annual Appropriations. **(FIRST READING)**

Ord. #2018-87, Annual Appropriations. **(FIRST READING)**

Ord. #2018-88, Amending Chapter 505 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn to update the Code regarding animals. **(FIRST READING)**

Ord. #2018-89, Authorizing the Capital Improvement Plan for 2019. **(FIRST READING)**

Ord. #2018-90, Authorizing the Updated Capital Improvement Plan for 2018. **(FIRST READING)**

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Tanski to adjourn. **VOTE:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(ADJOURNED)**

Mary-Jo Banish, Clerk of Council

Ron Van Kirk, President of Council

Minutes approved: 12.10.18